

# High School PTA Funds Help Student Health, Education, Social Life

Formed in 1936, Torrance High School PTA now has 386 members who, as one of their primary activities at the opening of each school year, assist the school doctor and nurse in giving physical examinations to girls enrolling for the first time.

Students needing dental work are aided by the PTA through contributions to the Dental Health Fund. Money for this project and many other philanthropic services is raised largely by a concession stand operated by members during football season.

Increasingly popular for the past three years has been the PTA sponsored All Night Party, held for the graduating senior class members and their guests. Other PTA's and service clubs aid by contributing funds for a "safe and sane," but cheerful of fun celebration which will long be remembered by the high schoolers after they enter the larger worlds of college or business.

Mrs. I. O. Kasten is serving her second term as president of the THS association this year. Mrs. W. O. Kasten is serving her second term as president of the THS association this year.



Mrs. Kasten gives one or two life memberships each year, channeling the money into a Student Loan Fund. Through this fund, any student needing help to further his or her col-

# SEASIDE PTA EXPECTS MEMBERSHIP INCREASE; SCHOOL LIBRARY GROWS

From its inception in 1949, Seaside Elementary PTA has been a very active organization and promises to continue its helpful work in the community this year with an ever-increasing membership. With over 800 students to be enrolled in school this fall, it is hoped that PTA membership will increase correspondingly.

An idea originating in this and the Hollywood Riviera PTA's, a "library cart," is continuing to be popular and successful.



Mrs. Parke each schoolroom once a week so that children may borrow books for home reading. No dues are asked for books kept too long, but the borrower cannot have a second book until the first one is returned.

Seaside extends a regular and urgent plea for donations of new or used books for its library.

This group also contributes to the Milk and Dental funds of Torrance Council PTA. Money was raised last year by paper drives and sale of Tee shirts imprinted with the school name to parents of children attending the school.

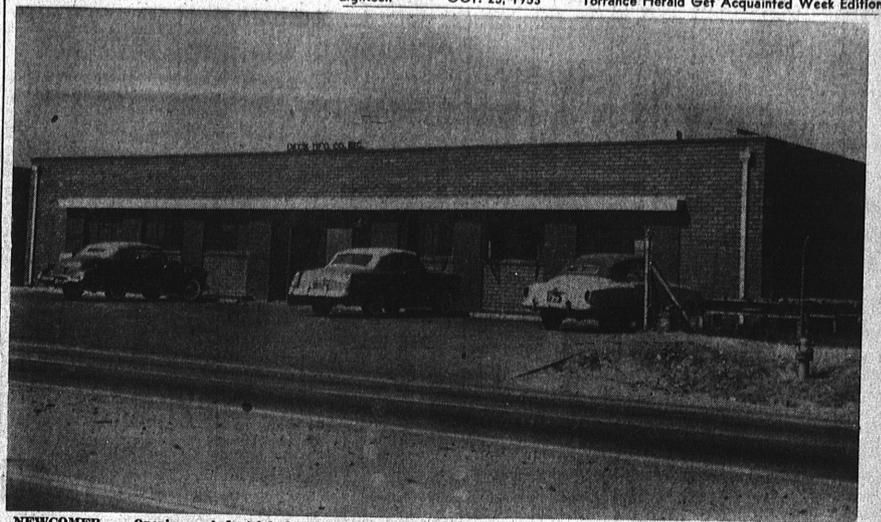
The children enjoyed a PTA-sponsored Christmas party last year and will go all out for a carnival to be staged by the association this October.

Mrs. Paul O. Roettger was first president of Seaside PTA when it was organized in June, 1949. During 1950-51 Mrs. Raymond Hole served as leader, while the reins of the '51-52 term were

in the hands of Mrs. Byron B. Johnson. Mrs. Robert G. Parke, succeeding Mrs. Loren C. Edman, is president during the current '53-'54 school year.

Other officers this year are Mesdames Lorne E. Bristol, first vice-president; Eugene Courtney, second vice-president; W. C. Strittmatter, third vice-president; Roettger, fourth vice-president; James Waitz, recording secretary; Henry Ross, corresponding secretary; W. W. Shockenecy, treasurer; Harold Wilkes, historian; Edman, parliamentarian; and Mr. Lloyd Jones, auditor.

An ex-officio member of the board is Principal Walter Behwold, assisted by Lloyd Jones, vice-principal. Behwold is the second principal to serve during the PTA's existence; from 1949 until this year, Earl G. Eckert held the office.



NEWCOMER... Opening an industrial plant in Torrance this year was the Deck Manufacturing Co., sub-contractors to large aircraft manufacturers. The company took over one of the new industrial buildings facing Western Ave. near 220th St.

# Arts, Crafts Club Shines Bright in City of Industry

Our city is best known for its preponderance of heavy industry. One group of ladies, however, most of them from old Torrance families, are happily engaged in the creation of lighter, artistic items.

In July, 1938, a group of business women and homemakers decided to form the Torrance Arts and Crafts Club with the avowed purpose of meeting to make both useful and ornamental articles and to learn new crafts from the experience of other club members.



Mrs. Hardin meetings, do not accommodate a large group. Some members work successfully with objects of copper. Others do leathercraft or ceramic work, make fiber flowers, upholster furniture, decorate cakes, create flower arrangements, or engage in needlework and any new crafts that may interest the group. Some members take special lessons, then share their knowledge with others in the club.

Hostesses take turns in entertaining the group in their homes, serving refreshments following the work sessions. Secret gifts, without donor card, are presented on members' birthdays, and the names of givers are not revealed until the annual Christmas party. The club also sponsors a philanthropic project, taking gifts to the hospitalized patients in the tuberculosis ward at Harbor General Hospital.

First president of the Arts and Crafts Club was May Guy Conner. In 1939 Lillian Shriner was president, while during the year that followed Maybel Banks, Eva Thomas, Minnie Roberts Reese, Virginia Montague, Cora Bohrer, Hazel Jain, Emily Middleton, Hazel Jain, Adelle Parks, Frances Snodgrass, Bettina Miller, Kathryn Robinson and Ruth

# WBA Review Is Fraternal Insurance Club

A fraternal insurance organization, the Woman's Benefit Association, is national in scope and has many different chapters called "Reviews." The Torrance chapter, known as Review 37, includes among its activities yearly contributions to the politics, cancer, and Seeing Eye funds.

Mrs. Wagner The local group was organized in 1916, has paid many death claims in the passing years, and still has some charter members. Over 215,000 women in Canada, Alaska, Hawaii, and the United States make up the membership of the overall organization, which has assets of over \$63,000,000.

More than \$81,000,000 in death claims and over \$2,000,000 in endowments have been paid since the founding of the fraternal organization in 1892.

Tonie Wagner is president of Torrance Review. Treasurer's duties are handled by Mrs. Anna Sandstrom of the Torrance National Bank, while Mesdames Mary Howe and Luella Currier handle the duties of financial secretary and inner hostess-press correspondent, respectively.

Kilgore served in turn as club leader. Mrs. Joe Hardin is the present and 15th club president.



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# Poppy Day Sales, Hospital Visits Keynote Service Work of Legion Auxiliary

Torrance is in the 19th District American Legion Auxiliary which also includes Sawtelle, Long Beach, Gardena, Redondo Beach, Bellflower, Maywood, Compton, and East Los Angeles. J. Wallace Post was the first commander of the group and Dorothy Post was the first president of the auxiliary some 28 years ago.

During the American Legion convention in Long Beach in July, 632 past presidents of Legion auxiliaries from the 19th District met for a luncheon. At the Saturday evening banquet during convention 835 officers and delegates from different units attended. Four of these delegates from Torrance were Mesdames Emma Evans, Mabel Williams, Gertrude Boyle, and Tanaya Grabowsky. Mrs. Evans has been a member of the auxiliary for 18 years, serving as president in 1944-45 and the current year. The auxiliary has 117 members locally.

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# Democrats Hope For Interest In Government

To stimulate an active interest in governmental affairs, the Torrance Democrats, Inc., was organized in 1948.

Since then its aims have enlarged to include increasing the efficiency of popular government, to foster and perpetuate the ideals and principles of the Democratic Party.

Officers are Frank Gately, president; Robert Burke, vice-president; Jess Dean, treasurer; Irene Fraser, executive secretary; and Patricia Nelson, recording secretary. The advisory board is composed of Lyle O'Hara, Rose Sarukian, and Leroy Armstrong.

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